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SUBJECT HUMAN RIGHTS: POSSIBLE RELEASE OF SUSANA PANERO

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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2. ON FRIDAY MORNING (FEB 2) I RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM GENERAL VIOLA, JUNTA PRESIDENT AND ARMY COMMANDER, WHO TOLD ME HE WAS TAKING A FEW DAYS VACATION. HE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY SPECIFIC SUBJECT IN MIND BUT WANTED ME TO KNOW HE WOULD BE UNAVAILABLE FOR A FEW DAYS.

3. I RECOMMENDED TO GENERAL VIOLA HE MAKE EVERY EFFORT POSSIBLE TO LIBERATE SUSANA PANERO, CONGRESSIONAL HIGH INTEREST CASE, BEFORE STARTING HIS VACATION. HIS RESPONSE WAS HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT GENERAL MENENDEZ IN CORDOBA.

4. COMMENT: I AM PERPLEXED AS TO WHY GENERAL WOULD CONTACT CORDOBA. ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO HE GUARANTEED ME SUSANA'S FREEDOM. WE LATER HEARD FROM ARMY INTELLIGENCE SOURCES (PROTECT) THEIR PLAN WAS TO SEND SUSANA OUT OF COUNTRY THUS NOT REQUIRING AUTHORIZATION FROM GENERAL MENENDEZ. I SHALL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR HER RELEASE. END COMMENT.
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